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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Beat FLÜHMANN *et al.*

Examiner: K. E. Weddington

Serial No.: 10/766,118

Art Unit: 1614

Filed: January 27, 2004

For: **PHYTANIC ACID DERIVATIVE
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF
TREATING AND/OR PREVENTING
DIABETES MELLITUS**

New York, New York
April 24, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed January 23, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 24, 2006 because April 23, 2006 was a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 & 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.